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28. (New Claim) A method of constructing a corner in a tent, a canopy, or a tarpaulin, comprising:

attaching two portions of a first sheet of fabric material so as to form a three-dimensional corner, the attachment of the two portions forming a seam;

turning the three-dimensional corner inside out to form an inverted, three-dimensional corner; and

extending a second sheet of fabric material over an interior portion of the inverted, three-dimensional corner so as to cover at least a portion of the seam.

29. (New Claim) The method of claim 28, wherein the first and second portions of the first sheet of fabric material are attached so that excess materials for the two portions at the seam extend adjacent to one another and on an exterior of the three-dimensional corner, and wherein turning the three-dimensional corner inside out comprises turning the excess materials toward an interior portion of the three-dimensional corner.

30. (New Claim) The method of claim 29, further comprising, prior to extending a second sheet of fabric material over the interior portion, arranging the excess materials to one side of the seam.

31. (New Claim) The method of claim 29, wherein the first and second portions of the first sheet of fabric material are attached by stitching.

32. (New Claim) The method of claim 28, wherein the first sheet of material comprises a first layer of fabric material extending against a second layer of fabric material so as to form a two layer fabric material, and wherein forming the three-dimensional corner comprises attaching two portions of the two layer fabric material, the three-dimensional corner being

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configured so that the second layer of fabric material extends over an interior portion of the three-dimensional corner, and after the two layer fabric material is turned inside out, the second layer of fabric material extends over an exterior portion of the three-dimensional corner.

33. (New Claim) The method of claim 32, wherein the first layer of fabric material includes a first notch formed therein and defining first side edges, and wherein the second layer of fabric material includes a second notch defining second side edges, and wherein the attachment of the first layer of fabric material to the second layer of fabric material comprises an attachment along the first and second side edges

34. (New Claim) The method of claim 32, wherein the attachment along the first and second side edges comprises stitching.

35. (New Claim) The method of claim 32, wherein the inverted three-dimensional corner comprises three sides, and wherein the second layer of fabric material extends over an exterior portion of each of the three sides of the inverted three-dimensional corner.

36. (New Claim) The method of claim 28, wherein the second sheet of fabric material comprises a sealing tape.

37. (New Claim) The method of claim 36, wherein the sealing tape comprises a waterproof sealing tape.

38. (New Claim) The method of claim 28, further comprising forming a tab on an apex of the inverted three-dimensional corner by pinching the apex of the inverted three-dimensional corner together and connecting the pinched apex to form the tab.

39. (New Claim) The method of claim 38, further comprising attaching a loop to the tab.

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40. (New Claim) A tent having a corner formed in accordance with the method of claim 28.

41. (New Claim) The tent of claim 40, further comprising a tub floor, and wherein each corner of the tub floor is formed in accordance with the method of claim 28.

42. (New Claim) A method of constructing a corner for a floor tub of a tent or canopy, comprising:

attaching two portions of a two layer fabric material so as to form a three-dimensional corner, the attachment of the two portions forming a seam, the two layer fabric material comprising a first layer of fabric material extending against a second layer of fabric material, the three-dimensional corner being configured so that the second layer of fabric material extends over an interior portion of the three-dimensional corner;

turning the three-dimensional corner inside out to form an inverted, three-dimensional corner wherein the second layer of fabric material extends over an exterior portion of the three-dimensional corner; and

attaching walls of the tent or canopy to the floor tub.

43. (New Claim) The method of claim 42, wherein the first and second portions of the two layer fabric material are attached so that excess materials for the two portions at the seam extend adjacent to one another and on an exterior of the three-dimensional corner, and wherein turning the three-dimensional corner inside out comprises turning the excess materials toward an interior portion of the three-dimensional corner.

44. (New Claim) The method of claim 43, further comprising, arranging the excess materials to one side of the seam and extending a second sheet of fabric material over the interior portion.

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45. (New Claim) The method of claim 42, further comprising extending a second sheet of fabric material over the interior portion.
46. (New Claim) The method of claim 42, wherein the first and second portions of the two layer fabric material are attached by stitching.
47. (New Claim) The method of claim 42, wherein the first layer of fabric material includes a first notch formed therein and defining first side edges, and wherein the second layer of fabric material includes a second notch defining second side edges, and wherein the first side edges are aligned with the second side edges.
48. (New Claim) The method of claim 42, wherein the inverted three-dimensional corner comprises three sides, and wherein the second layer of fabric material extends over an exterior portion of each of the three sides of the inverted three-dimensional corner.
49. (New Claim) The method of claim 48, further comprising extending a second sheet of fabric material over the interior portion.
50. (New Claim) The method of claim 49, wherein the second sheet of fabric material comprises a sealing tape.
51. (New Claim) The method of claim 50, wherein the sealing tape comprises a waterproof sealing tape.
52. (New Claim) The method of claim 42, further comprising forming a tab on an apex of the inverted three-dimensional corner by pinching the apex of the inverted three-dimensional corner together and connecting the pinched apex to form the tab.
53. (New Claim) The method of claim 52, further comprising attaching a loop to the tab.

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54. (New Claim) A tent having a floor tub with at least one corner formed in accordance with the method of claim 42.

55. (New Claim) The tent of claim 54, wherein each corner of the tub floor is formed in accordance with the method of claim 42.

56. (New Claim) A method of constructing a corner for a floor tub of a tent or canopy, comprising:

attaching two portions of a two layer fabric material so as to form a three-dimensional corner, the two layer fabric material having a notch cut therein, the notch defining two inner edges along which the two portions are attached, the attachment of the two portions forming a seam, the two layer fabric material comprising a first layer of fabric material extending against a second layer of fabric material, the three-dimensional corner being configured so that the second layer of fabric material extends over an interior portion of the three-dimensional corner;

turning the three-dimensional corner inside out to form an inverted, three-dimensional corner wherein the second layer of fabric material extends over an exterior portion of the three-dimensional corner;

sealing a second sheet of fabric material to an interior of the inverted, three-dimensional corner; and

attaching walls of the tent or canopy to the floor tub.

57. (New Claim) The method of claim 56, wherein the second sheet of fabric material comprises a sealing tape.

58. (New Claim) The method of claim 57, wherein the sealing tape comprises a waterproof sealing tape.

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59. (New Claim) The method of claim 56, wherein the sealing tape is welded to the interior.

60. (New Claim) The method of claim 56, further comprising forming a tab on an apex of the inverted three-dimensional corner by pinching the apex of the inverted three-dimensional corner together and connecting the pinched apex to form the tab.

61. (New Claim) The method of claim 60, further comprising attaching a loop to the tab.

62. (New Claim) A tent having a floor tub with at least one corner formed in accordance with the method of claim 56.

63. (New Claim) The tent of claim 62, wherein each corner of the tub floor is formed in accordance with the method of claim 56.